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THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

Oh, the glory of the returning spring, answering the resurrection call of the great Sun God!

Standing in the midst of God's great laboratory, after the awakening breath of spring has swept through it, dull indeed must be the soul that is not moved by the wonder, the miracle, the beauty of it all. Cold and dead must be the heart that has never thrilled in response to the great diapason of nature, when in the awakening year, "The woods were filled so full with song."

There seemed no room for sense of wrong. There is nothing quite so delightful as the spirit of springtime. It is the resurrection of hope, of life. All creation rejoices in the glad new morning when nature, after her long sleep, awakes and decks herself with most entrancing robes.

Spring is the angel that rolls away the stone from the tomb in which all life has been sleeping in the grip of death. It is the call to the buried root in the earth, to the tree, to the plant, to burst their grave clothes, to cast off the winter death shroud, and come forth to new life, to blossom forth to new beauty.

How fitting it is that Easter, the great festival of the resurrection, should be celebrated in the spring.

There is a marvel of significance for all humanity in Easter day. It reminds us that death is not the end, that life has triumphed over death.

Easter tells us to lay aside our clothes of doubt, of despair, of gloom, and bids us look up and out. It brings us new promise, new hope, new life, new beauty, new joys to replace our sorrows, our losses.

"Awake thou that sleepest!"

The slumbering seeds which have been held in winter's grip are not the only things that hear this mighty resurrection call. We humans hear it, and feel its inspiration. It stirs us to our depths. A new life pulsates in our veins, and thrills us very being. There is a quickening of our vitality, a resurrection of our ideals, a moral rebirth. Our hopes, our prospects are renewed, reanimated. We feel the warming presence of new life, new cheer, of higher and nobler impulses.

The Easter resurrection, the warming up of all nature, a suggestion to us to warm up toward one another. It calls us to open our hearts and let in new life. It bids us warm up toward every living thing. It is the call to a new life. Its message is that "We rise on stepping stones of our dead selves to higher things."

The rebirth of nature, the struggling toward the light, the vigorous efforts for self expression of the myriads of seeds which have been buried in the earth for months, is a symbol of our ascending life.

If we could look into the growing fiber of a young tree after each successive apparent winter death, we would find a new ring clear around the tree representing new growth. We find at every spring resurrection enlarged limbs, stronger branches and stronger roots, and the tree more and more firmly entrenched against its enemies, better able to face and withstand the fury of the elements.

If we look upward like the tree, if we live the life of faith, every Easter will be a rebirth. If we face life in the right attitude, with faith, instead of doubt, optimism instead of pessimism, those things which, in our night of sorrow, we thought would shut out the sun of peace and joy forever, will prove precious experiences from which we would not part for any consideration. All of our strength, our stability, our power to overcome in future difficulties, has grown out of our struggles, our apparent defeats.

A final lesson of Easter is the assurance that we shall triumph over all defeats; that as our brother

Christ arose from the dead, so even shall we also rise. It is the evidence, the proof of our immortality, of our union with him, of the brotherhood of man.

As spring awakens the seeds of new promise, new hopes, new expectations, new joys, new growth, beauty in nature, so Easter comes to us with the joyful message of a new and fuller life.—Orison Sweet Marden, in Pictorial Review.

Are You Going?

It has been determined by the New Mexico commission to hold the formal dedication of the state's notably successful building at San Diego the first week in May. It is hoped and believed that a large number of New Mexico people will be there for the dedication which will be made one of the notable occasions of the exposition program. To the end of co-operation and a big showing for the state it is hoped that a special train, carrying New Mexico people only may be arranged, to assemble in and run from Albuquerque to San Diego on or about the first day of May.

"We hope to have a large number of New Mexico people at the building on the dedication day," said Col. Twitchell this morning, "and it is possible that we will be able to arrange for a special train from Albuquerque to carry the big number of them. To this end the exposition commission should know the name and post office address of every person in New Mexico who expects to go to San Diego on or about the first day of May. The names should be sent to the chairman of the exposition commission, Santa Fe, N. M., and should be sent at once, as the time for making the necessary arrangements is short. Any person going or knowing of any one who is going about this time, is asked to notify us."

Typewriter for the Chinks

Huen Chi, a Chinese student at New York University, has invented the first Chinese typewriter. The new machine has 4,200 characters and only three keys. In this respect it differs very much from the standard keyboard which has twenty-six letters and in most cases at least a dozen keys devoted to figures and punctuation marks. One of the keys is a back space, another the space key and the third is the key with which 4,200 characters are struck. It is possible, according to the inventor, to make more than 4,200 characters by combinations of "radicals" or base characters. Upwards of 50,000 characters can be made by the machine, the inventor said.

Lewis Is Happy

Baby Eleanor Booth arrived at the Booth ranch March 10th, 1915. Papa Lewis says, "I think she will make a good cow hand."

Grandpa Nealey is boasting these days of his even dozen children, the last being a daughter born March 11th. This double event caused great happiness in the Nealey and Booth families.

Baptist Services

For Sunday, April 4th, 1915.
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship. The pastor will speak on "The Ministering Life."

6:45 p. m., young peoples' meeting.

7:45 p. m., evening worship and sermon.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.

J. Franklin of near Barney, attended to business in the city Monday and Tuesday.

O. L. Johnson of the Seneca country, was a business visitor and trader in the city Tuesday.

Earl Lane of Arnett, Oklahoma, an old friend of the editor, spent several days in Clayton and Union county this week. He was seeking a location, and is well pleased with the country.

NEW MEXICO AT SAN DIEGO

San Diego, March 30.—Mines, orchards, pueblos, Navajo blankets, oil paintings, forestry and Indian customs are only a few of the myriad subjects that are dealt with at the New Mexico building of the Panama-California Exposition. There are motion pictures, lectures on scores of subjects, informal talks, personal explanations and literature on the state and its resources to supplement the exhibits themselves.

All these are so interesting and forceful in their appeal that the New Mexico building really is the mecca of the crowds at the fair. The commission wisely recognized that all sorts and conditions of persons would visit the exposition and that a man who would not grow enthusiastic over apples would revel in the rare historic atmosphere thrown about the place; that a man who would consider archaeology and Indian lore merely "high-brow stuff" might ponder for hours over the mineral specimens in the loggia.

Because the commission did this the building is interesting to every man, woman and child that visits the fair. The lectures and motion pictures, for example, have become famed throughout California, so that almost everyone asks when the next talk on the Indian Shiprock fair will be given, or when the mission slides will be shown again. Of course, missions and Indians cannot be described at all times, but the attention thus attracted to the entertainments in the auditorium results in bigger and bigger crowds at the talks designed more particularly to drawing new settlers to the state—in other words, those that come to see and hear of the picturesque remain to study the state's resources and look for opportunities in business.

In addition to the exhibits, lectures and slides, literature on many subjects is available for distribution; or, if something is not to be had at the building, information where it may be obtained is given, and questions concerning a multitude of things are answered. Thus, from the moment he enters the building to his departure, each visitor has some of the many phases of New Mexico's activities or beauties thrust before him.

The publicity the building has received in the newspapers and through commendation of delighted visitors is bringing big crowds to it daily, and that at a time, too, when the rush of tourists from the east hardly has begun.

It is the unique structure of the whole exposition, which, in itself, attracts many. The old mission on the rock of Acoma was the prototype of the building. Naturally, it exhibits characteristics far removed from those ordinarily associated with "mission," but this makes it all the more interesting.

Who Said Business Is Bum?

Here is a good illustration of what can be done with a good article even in bad times.

The following record of these cigars sold during January, February and up to March 20th this year.

4200 Boxes, or 213,000 Cigars sold during January.

6900 Boxes, or 345,000 Cigars sold during February.

5300 Boxes, or 265,000 Cigars sold up to March 20th.

The above statement proves only too well the merits of our goods. Have you tried them yet? If not, get in line with the satisfied people in the tobacco world today. We have had no cigars returned up to the present time. This further demonstrates their quality. Look for the Advertisement of the HONEST SMOKE cigar on page eight.

Now Is The Time To Swat The Fly

Uncle Sam is waging a relentless war on the deadly house fly and in a late bulletin prepared by the Department of Agriculture, valuable information is given on the best means of combating this deadly pest. The most effective way of ex-

terminating the fly, according to the bulletin, is to eradicate thoroughly his breeding places. The breeding season of the fly begins early in March and continues throughout the spring and summer months. All dirt should be removed from the premises, stables cleaned and decaying vegetables destroyed.

The fly has rightly been called the undertaker's traveling salesman, and in addition to his regular line of "typhoid bugs," he carries a side line of tuberculosis, Asiatic Cholera and other disease germs. Now is the time to "swat the fly."

Should Render Full Value

Secretary Howell Earnest, of the state tax commission, has sent to the assessors of all counties in New Mexico, circular letters calling attention to the absolute necessity of getting property on the tax rolls at its actual full valuation. The letter reads as follows:

"For your information and guidance a printed copy of House Substitute for House Bill No. 327, as amended, is herewith enclosed.

"By referring to section 12 you will note that the maximum rate of tax to be levied for all county purposes and uses . . . shall not exceed five mills on the dollar.

"As a result of this limitation it is necessary that all property in each county be assessed and placed on the tax rolls at its full actual value, in order that sufficient revenue may be secured to support the county government.

"To accomplish this purpose the commission earnestly desires to co-operate with you, and is ready and willing to render any assistance within the scope of its authority."

For Sale

95 head cows and 2 bulls. Extra good quality, all natives. 75 head are coming three and four years old. May be seen at my ranch 7 1/2 miles southeast of Texline.—H. H. Hamilton. 14-3t.

Legislation Cost \$800.00 Per Day

Every bill enacted into law by the second state legislature of New Mexico cost the taxpayers of the state \$455.79.

The total paid out by the state treasurer's office for legislative expenses to date is \$47,162.83. This includes most everything, except possibly a few of the last salary checks that were not cashed before members left for their homes, and which will reach the state treasurer's office later through the banks cashing them. To this amount is to be added the \$240 appropriated for the extra ten days work of the chief clerks of the two houses and two stenographers, making a total of \$57,402.83. The measures enacted into law, exclusive of joint resolutions and memorials, number 164. The average cost is \$455.79.

The cost per day of the legislative session was nearly \$800.

The total cost of the last legislative session exceeds that of the 1913 session by nearly \$2,000.

The 1913 session cost \$45,466.43. The cost of the ninety day session in 1912—the first session of the first state legislature—was \$74,753.88.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

One good furnished room to rent, northwest of schoolhouse. Gentleman preferred. Robert Bangert. 14-3t.

Deputy Sheriffs G. C. Johnson and Oscar Lundy returned Wednesday from Santa Fe, where they delivered prisoners to the penitentiary.

Col. J. M. Potter of the Escondido ranch on the Cimarron, attended to business in the city the first of the week.

A. J. Payne of near Sedan, was a business visitor and trader in town Wednesday.

Jack Lenhart of the Cimarron country, attended to business in the city this week. Jack has many good friends in Clayton who are always glad to see him.

Don Luis Garcia of Trinidad, Colorado, spent several days in the city this week, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. F. C. de Baca.

900,000,000 BUSHELS

The third successive record wheat crop is now predicted by both government and trade crop statisticians, an aggregate crop of 900,000,000 bushels of wheat being expected the coming year. With this country feeding the world, another immense fortune is to be dumped into the laps of the farmers, especially of those of the grain belt. Even if the war is ended soon prices are certain to be good, as the demand for grain for both seed and feed in the European countries, will be great for some time to come. Such a crop as predicted will be the record one for all time. Great acreages are being turned under this year to meet the demands of the world on America, and the American farmer is responding. The winter wheat yield is expected to reach 700,000,000 bushels, and the spring wheat crop 210,000,000.

The estimate of a 700,000,000 bushel winter wheat crop is based on a loss of only 263,000.00 acres up to harvest, and an average yield of a little over 17 bushels, as compared with 19 bushels for last year. The spring wheat acreage may go over 19,000,000 acres, compared with 17,333,000 last year. Kansas acreage this year is 2 per cent less than last year's record, and Kansas is very uncertain. Oklahoma and Texas acreage is 12 per cent above last year, and Nebraska beats last year by 19.5 per cent. The outlook is unusually encouraging all over the country, particularly in the grain belt.

We are loaning a good deal of money on lands and on live stock, or both. Come in and talk with us as to these. If you are putting in a crop, we will loan you money on it at A. W. Thompson & Co.

Methodist Notes for Sunday, April 4 Easter

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.

10:45 a. m. Morning worship, and sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Defenders of the Cross." The local commandery of the order of Knight Templars will worship with us at this service. There will be special Easter music.

3:00 p. m. Preaching at Burnette schoolhouse.

7:00 p. m. Easter program and concert by the children.

Mid-week service for bible study on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Children's class for instruction on Friday at 4:15 p. m.

Ray Spotts Dum, Minister.

A Fire Bug

Sunday evening a carefully laid plan to destroy the Owl cafe building was discovered in the nick of time. George Peck and Carl Crossman were passing the building and smelled gasoline so strongly that they started an investigation. The proprietor of the place, James M. Haines, was at the Dixie theatre and was called out. He went immediately to the rear of the building, and was gone so long without appearing inside, that the boys called H. Bruns, owner of the building, and went in quest of him. They found him in the rear winding up a fuse and otherwise trying to cover some bad appearances. Gasoline had been spilled all over the place, and a dish full of the explosive had been placed in the center of the floor and a fuse laid from it to the rear door. The fuse had burned to the dish and went out, leaving a blackened trail where it burned. The miscreant made one mistake and that was in placing the end of the fuse in the gasoline. Officers were called, and Haines and Roscoe Fox, a crony, were arrested and placed in jail. If the plan had succeeded, several business buildings, and probably the entire block would have been destroyed.

Wm. G. Sears of Shattuck, Oklahoma, arrived in the city Wednesday and expects to make his future home here. He will engage in the farm loan business. We certainly welcome "Billy" to Clayton, as he is one of the best men we know.